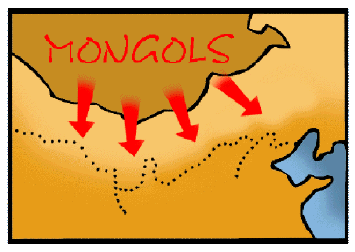
**The Great Wall of China**



Around 221 **BC** **Emperor** Qin was the ruler of China. He **united** all parts of China and to protect China from **enemies** and **invaders** from the north, the Emperor built the wall of China.

He wanted a strong wall 30 feet wide and 50 feet high. The wall is made of **brick**, stone, earth and other local materials. The wall is 6000 kilometres long. However some people think that it final measurement would be 5500 kilometres.



First Emperor Qin used **peasants**, soldiers, **captured** enemies, criminals, **scholars**, and anyone else who **annoyed** him, and put them all to work building the Great Wall. **Laborers** were not paid for their work. It was **slave labour**.

About 3000 people worked on the wall during the Qin **Dynasty**. Walls and rocks fell on people and many more workers died of **exhaustion** and disease. Labourers were fed only enough food to keep them alive.

The Chinese worked on the Great Wall for over 1700 years. Each Emperor who came to power added pieces of the wall to protect their dynasties. But the wall was not a solid wall.

The Great Wall is famous it has four popular sections where you can visit when you travel to China. These are the Badaling section, Mutianyu section, Simatai section and Shixiaguan section.

Today, the Great Wall still stands. It can be seen from space, it’s that big!

